

ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



NEW WEBSITE...

We have a brand new, shiny website going live from Monday 23rd February! Don't forget to check it out at: www.stjames.derby.sch.uk

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

VR WORKSHOPS...

On Wednesday, children in Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed an exciting Virtual Reality (VR) workshop as part of their learning. Using VR headsets, Year 3 pupils explored volcanoes, bringing their geography work to life, while Year 6 pupils travelled to the polar regions to develop their understanding of these extreme environments. The children had a fantastic time and were fully immersed in the experience, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. This memorable activity enriched the curriculum and supported learning in a fun and engaging way.

PLANETARIUM...

We are delighted to share that a planetarium will be visiting our school, offering pupils an exciting and immersive science experience. On Wednesday 11th February, Year 5 children will take part in a session exploring space and our solar system, bringing their science learning to life. Following this, on Thursday 12th February, Year 6 children will enjoy a planetarium session linked to their science topic on light and shadows, helping to deepen their understanding through interactive and visual learning.

PARENTS EVENING...

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 11th February. Appointments with your child's teacher can be booked via Arbor. If you have any difficulty making a booking, please contact the School Office, who will be happy to assist. If you require a translator for your appointment, please let us know in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DISCO...

Our school disco will take place on Thursday 12th February, straight after school. The cost is £3, which includes a drink and a snack. Tickets must be purchased in advance and numbers are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. The disco will finish at 4:15pm, and all children must be collected by an adult. 🎵🕺🎉

READING SESSIONS...

A reminder that Year Group Reads with Parents are taking place again this half-term. These sessions provide a lovely opportunity to spend time with your child and enjoy sharing a story together. The sessions will begin at 2:55pm on the following dates:

- Year 5 - today
- Year 6 - Friday 6th February

We hope that as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us.



This week's theme for the Golden Book is 'Someone who has improved their handwriting.'

This week's winners are:

3R	Aya
3W	Murtaza
3/4MS	Praise
4A	Isaac
4B	Zainab
5F	Hana
5H	Amna
5/6FB	Sana
6K	Hanvika
6Q	Hassan

A huge well done to all this week's winners.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

37%
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

79%
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

66%
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.

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ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

74%

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

62%

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

31%

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

70%

fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

68%

fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

72%

worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

61%

worry about exposure to extreme views.

69%

are concerned about online bullying.

SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

70%

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

33%

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

At 29% vs 24%

boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

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HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

Nearly four in ten 8-17s believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

Girls aged 8-17 are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

One third of teenagers agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

92%

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

63%

How to recognise harmful content.

63%

How to keep personal information safe.

62%

Being kind and respectful online.

#WakeUpWednesday

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